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In re Application of: Susumu HIZUKURI et al.  
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For: **PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF  
L-ARABINOSE BY ACIDIC HYDROLYSIS**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

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In the Claims as amended under PCT article 34:

Please amend claims 4-8 as follows:

In claim 4, second line, change "1~3" to --1--.

In claim 5, second line, change "1~4" to --1--.

In claim 6, second line, change "1~5" to --1--.

In claim 7, second line, change "1~6" to --1--.

In claim 8, last line, change "1~7" to --1--.

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to remove excess multiple dependencies to conform to U.S. claim counting practice. This amendment should not be construed as any form of estoppel, disclaimer, forfeiture, or relinquishment of subject matter.

Examination is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,



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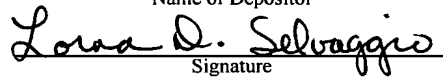
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